

Auto-ISAC announces Board of Directors

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Washington, DC - Automakers continue moving forward on collaborative efforts to advance cybersecurity protections with today's announcement of the sector's Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC) board of directors.

ISAC board officers include Chair Tom Stricker of Toyota, Vice Chair Jeff Massimilla of GM, Secretary Steven Center of Honda and Treasurer Keith Moss of Ford.

“Our ISAC work will be another essential layer of cyber protections,” said Stricker. “It will act as a central hub for gathering intelligence that allows us to analyze, share and track cyber threats and spot potential weaknesses in vehicle electronics.”

GM's Massimilla said that the “Auto ISAC will allow automakers to identify trends and common cyber threats more quickly and further enhance the industry’s on-going efforts to safeguard vehicle electronic systems and networks.”

Other board members include Christoph Huss of BMW, Scott Kunselman of FCA, Mircea Gradu of Hyundai, Henry Bzeih of KIA, Masamitsu Koike of Mazda, Joerg Breuer of Mercedes-Benz, Manabu Kuroda of Mitsubishi Motors, Forrest Smith of Nissan, Shinichiro Sumi of Subaru and David Geanacopoulos of Volkswagen Group of America.

The industry's two trade associations, the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers and the Association of Global Automakers, announced the ISAC's formation in July and have worked to establish operations by year end.

The Auto ISAC's establishment complements another joint action by the two associations to help promote the security of vehicle-generated data.

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In November 2014, participating members of both associations voluntarily adopted Privacy Principles that will govern data retrieved from vehicles. These principles – the first of their kind in the “Internet of Things” – reflect a major step in protecting personal information.

The Auto ISAC and the data Privacy Principles are the latest examples of the proactive and diverse approaches that automakers are taking to enhance vehicle and data security which remain among the industry’s top priorities.

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